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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

Statement of Relevancy

The references were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in the related PCT/US03/36112. A copy of the Search is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of

record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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